

Why participate in Prescription Drug Take-Back Day?

- Each year in Washington State about **one-third** of residents receive a prescription for a **controlled substance** (Washington State Department of Health, 2013). Unused and unsecured medications in our homes can pose a risk to children and teens.
- Public health and safety experts agree that Take-Back programs provide a safe and legal way to dispose of unused and expired prescription and over-the-counter medications.
- It's a great time to clean out your medicine cabinet! Protect your kids and the environment by properly disposing of your unwanted and expired medicines. Medicines in the home are a leading cause of accidental poisoning. Flushed or trashed medicines pollute our waters.
- You can help prevent medication misuse, abuse and accidental poisoning.
- It's free and easy! Take Back locations are set up throughout Washington to find one near you visit www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/index.html.
- It's confidential. No one will ask you questions about the medications you are returning.
- Learn more about preventing prescription drug misuse.

